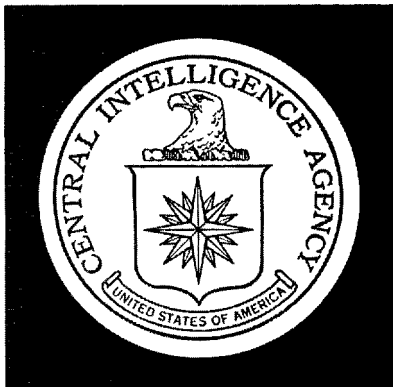


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Turkey: Security forces have taken control of areas of Istanbul where further demonstrations against the Sixth Fleet seem likely.

Turkish officials have now committed themselves to protecting US sailors under a shore leave schedule worked out by US and Turkish representatives.

Turkish security officials are disturbed by the parallel between the present situation and the student unrest which preceded the 1960 coup. There is no indication, however, that the army would side with the leftist students as it did in 1960.

On 17 July a number of students were injured and over 30 arrested in unusually strong police action, and left-leaning newspapers have already charged "police brutality." A mass anti-US, anti-police demonstration is scheduled in Istanbul for tomorrow afternoon.

Several minor incidents of harassment against US personnel occurred yesterday in Ankara.

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Panama: President Robles is talking about resigning before his term ends on 30 September.

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[REDACTED] Robles is disgusted with the political machinations of defeated presidential candidate Samudio and resents being blamed for Samudio's inability to rig the outcome of the elections held on 12 May.

For the past several months Samudio henchmen have waged a complicated legal tug-of-war with partisans of president-elect Arias over control of the Electoral Tribunal. The struggle, which resulted in suspension of the vote-counting to determine the make-up of the unicameral legislature, was resolved in Arias' favor this week when the national guard escorted an Arias partisan to his disputed pivotal seat on the tribunal.

Robles apparently viewed Samudio's maneuvering to have the tribunal invalidate Arias' victory as futile. Moreover, the President has been angered by actions of some pro-Samudio cabinet members who have embarrassed his government in relations with the US.

If Robles resigns, his constitutional heir would be first vice president Delvalle, an Arias supporter who claimed the presidency last March during the abortive impeachment of Robles. Delvalle's assumption of office would probably eliminate the disruptive political tactics of Samudio's followers within the government and perhaps ease the transition of power on 1 October.

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Jamaica-OAS: The Jamaican Government apparently is close to a decision on joining the Organization of American States (OAS). The government has been on the brink of seeking OAS membership at least four times in the last three years, but has rejected it in favor of maintaining close ties with the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Jamaica recently entered the Caribbean Free Trade Area, however, and the move may be part of a broader policy of increasing ties with neighboring states. The prospect of becoming eligible for foreign loans and assistance through OAS membership could well influence Jamaica's decision.

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